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DETAIL.  
On duty till the morning of the 31st  
inst.—H.K.V.R.  
PARADE FOR THURSDAY, THE 30th INST.  
Main Gun Section at Wellington Barracks  
at 5.30 p.m. under Lieut. Thornhill.  
Dress: drill order.

PARADE FOR FRIDAY, THE 31st INST.  
"B" Co. Kowloon Dock and Tai Koo  
Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m.  
Remainder on the road outside the Law  
Courts at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

STRENGTH.  
Pte. H.M. Webb is permitted to resign  
on leaving the Colony.  
Pte. G. W. Gogg is permitted to resign.

POSTING.  
Pte. J. Steddie, having joined, is  
allotted Corps No. 526 and is posted to  
Co. "A" Platoon No. 4 Section 15.  
Pte. J. de B. Lancaster, having joined,  
is allotted Corps No. 527 and is posted to  
Co. "A" Platoon No. 2 Section 7.

FIELD FIRING.  
Results of field firing by "A" Company  
on 26th March 1916:

Order of Merit.	Individual Practices	Collective Practices
Merit.	Percentage of Hits.	Percentage of Hits.

1. No. 1 Plat. (Sec. 1, 2, 3 & 4).....	40.47	14.54
2. No. 4 Plat. (Sec. 12, 14, 15 & 16).....	26.78	20.00
3. No. 2 Plat. (Sec. 5, 6, 7 & 8).....	26.07	19.31
4. No. 3 Plat. (Sec. 9, 10, 11 & 12).....	21.25	12.17

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES—

Order of Merit.	Section.	Percentage of Hits.
1. 1	1	52
2. 2	4	50
3. 3	2	45.33
4. 4	12	35
5. 5	6	32.50
6. 6	14	30
7. 7	11	28.33
8. 8	12	27.50
9. 9	3	25.71
10. 10	10	25
11. 11	15	23.75
12. 12	9	21.25
13. 13	7	20
14. 14	15	15.66
15. 15	8	13

RESULTS OF FIELD FIRING "A" COMPANY  
ON 19th MARCH, 1916.

Order of Merit.	Unit.	Individual Practices	Collective Practices
Merit.		Percentage of Hits.	Percentage of Hits.

1. No. 7 Plat. (Sec. 9, 10, 11 & 12).....	43.07	20.00
2. No. 8 Plat. (Sec. 13, 14, 15 & 16).....	39.37	20.00
3. No. 6 Plat. (Sec. 5, 6, 7 & 8).....	32.58	19.60
4. No. 5 Plat. (Sec. 1, 2, 3 & 4).....	26.50	16.50

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES—

Order of Merit.	Section.	Percentage of Hits.
1. 1	12	53.33
2. 2	18	50.00
3. 3	11	46.25
4. 4	12	45.50
5. 5	13	41.11
6. 6	8	40.00
7. 7	9	37.14
8. 8	10	36.66
9. 9	7	35.71
10. 10	4	35.00
11. 11	6	30.00
12. 12	5	27.77
13. 13	14	26.66
14. 14	1	26.25
15. 15	3	21.11

Results of Field Firing "A" and "B"  
Cos. 19th and 28th March, 1916:

Order of Merit.	Unit.	Individual Practices	Collective Practices
Merit.		Percentage of Hits.	Percentage of Hits.

1. No. 7 Plat. (Sec. 9, 10, 11 & 12).....	43.07	20	31.56
2. No. 8 Plat. (Sec. 13, 14, 15 & 16).....	39.37	20	29.68
3. No. 6 Plat. (Sec. 5, 6, 7 & 8).....	32.58	14.54	27.85
4. No. 5 Plat. (Sec. 1, 2, 3 & 4).....	26.50	19.60	25.94
5. No. 4 Plat. (Sec. 12, 14, 15 & 16).....	26.78	20	23.88
6. No. 3 Plat. (Sec. 9, 10, 11 & 12).....	21.25	19.31	23.03
7. No. 2 Plat. (Sec. 5, 6, 7 & 8).....	26.07	15.50	21.55
8. No. 1 Plat. (Sec. 1, 2, 3 & 4).....	21.25	12.17	16.46

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EXCURSION TO MACAO.  
SUNDAY, 2nd APRIL.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"  
will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M.  
and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at  
7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street  
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## INTIMATIONS

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1916. 429

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPONG DOCK CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Cross Street, Hongkong, on MONDAY the 3rd April, 1916 at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th March to the 3rd April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1916. 422

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on MONDAY the 10th day of April, 1916 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon when the Subjunctive Resolution which was passed as an Extraordinary Resolution at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) That after the word "Company" in the 16th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added:—

"The General Managers may also with the consent of the Consulting Committee pay such bonus or bonuses to the General Managers as they think fit."

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 15th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 1st line of Article 115.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1916.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 22nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Cross Street, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1916 at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915 and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 1st April, to MONDAY, 10th April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 480

DEEP WATER BAY COURSE.

A MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION will be held on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 8th and 9th April. Course: 127 holes against Bogey under handicap.

The Bogey score and table of holes at which strokes are to be taken will be fixed later.

Entrance fee \$2.00 per couple.

Competitors must arrange their own partners and opponents and are requested to send their names to the undersigned, to post names on the boards at Happy Valley, Fan Ling or the Hongkong Club before the 5th April.

T. W. HILL,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 456

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## INTIMATIONS

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Club House on WEDNESDAY, 29th inst., at 5.15 P.M.  
B. L. FROST,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 27, 1916. 478

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Institute on FRIDAY 31st MARCH, at 9 P.M.  
By ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 481

HONGKONG CLUB.  
NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF YEARLY DRAWING of 50 Debentures (1894 issue) of the HONGKONG CLUB, PAYABLE on FRIDAY, the 31st March, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock A.M. on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1916.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,  
M. DES VOEUX,  
Secy. & Treas.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1916. 414

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th April to MONDAY, the 10th April, 1916, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1916. 477

## NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against M. A. KARL DETMERS of Messrs. RADECKER & Co. or against the firm of Messrs. RADECKER & Co., are requested to file same with the Liquidators, before the 25th April, 1916.

BRADLEY & CO., LTD.,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1916. 488

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

ENTRIES for above League close April 8th.

If sufficient entries there will be a 2nd Division.

Secretaries are asked to state which division they enter for.

Dr. F. LINDSAY WOODS,  
Actg. Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 25, 1916. 479

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MATRICULATION, SENIOR and JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS will be held on the following dates:—

JULY 10th-15th, 1916.

Arrangements will be made to hold the examinations at any town where a sufficient number of candidates offer themselves.

Candidates must send in their entry forms, with the fee, to the Registrar, University, Hongkong, not later than May 2nd, 1916.

Forms of Entry may be obtained from the Registrar, to whom a quittance should be addressed.

The following Scholarships will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination, provided that there are candidates of sufficient merit:—

Two King Edward VII Scholarships of £10 a year each, for five years, tenable only by British subjects, who must be under the age of 21 on the 10th July, 1916.

A candidate who wishes to compete must deliver to the Registrar, on or before the first day of the examination, a certificate of eligibility in the form specified by the Regulations. One Scholarship will be tenable in the Faculty of Arts, the other in any Faculty.

One President's Scholarship of \$100 (Peking Currency) a year for five years, tenable by students of Chinese Nationality, who must be under the age of 21 on the 10th July, 1916.

A candidate who wishes to compete must deliver to the Registrar, on or before the first day of the examination, a certificate of eligibility, as required by the Regulations.

Five prizes of \$100 each will be awarded to the successful candidates who obtain the highest marks. The winners of the prizes may enter any Faculty but must join the University on September 11th, 1916.

Holders of Scholarships and winners of prizes must reside in one of the Hostels directly managed by the University.

Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 457

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## A NEWLY-DISCOVERED STORY.

Some years ago among the ruins of Nineveh there was found a cylindrical stone seal engraved with the figures of a man, a woman, and a serpent gathered about a tree. At once it was suggested that the ancient Babylonians were familiar with the old Semitic story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, or the story of the Fall of Man. Also among the ruins of Nineveh, were discovered a large collection of clay tablets, a hundred thousand in number inscribed with the literature of the Babylonians and Assyrians. When the tablets were read the world was supplied with a new account of the story of the Creation of the World, and also a story of the Deluge so similar to the biblical story that it was evident the Hebrew and Assyrian stories were the same.

For several years an expedition from the University of Pennsylvania carried on excavations in the Babylonian city of Nippur, where something like a hundred inscribed objects were discovered. In the autumn of 1912 Professor Stephen Langdon, of Oxford, while visiting the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, noticed a fragment of a tablet bearing an inscription which suggested the story of the Garden of Eden. The fragment was brought to Oxford and carefully examined, and at last a few lines of a Babylonian story resembling the biblical story were discovered. Upon Professor Langdon's next visit to Philadelphia search was made for other fragments of the tablet. Two were found and fitted together, and the tablet became nearly complete. The tablet is of baked clay, of a light brownish colour, measuring 7 1/2 inches in length and 4 1/2 inches in width. One side is flat; the other is slightly convex. Upon each side are three columns of cuneiform writing, containing about 300 lines. Scholars are agreed that it comes from about 1,000 years before the biblical story was written in its present shape.

## THE WRITERS.

The story is written in the Sumerian language. The Sumerians were the first cultured people to live in the lower Mesopotamian valley to the north of the Persian Gulf. To just what race they belonged or where they originally lived, no man knows. We are only sure just at a very early time, probably about 4500 B.C., they came to Babylon bringing a high civilization with them. They wrote their language in cuneiform characters upon tablets of clay and stone. They had a highly developed religion, literature and art. Poems and legends and historical inscriptions have come from them. They were the world's cultured people of 6,000 years ago, just as we were the Greeks of a later period. After the Sumerians had occupied Babylonia for several centuries the Semitic Babylonians, from whom the Jews descended, entered the valley. They conquered the older civilised Sumerians, possessed their cities, and adopted their culture. The Semites had no written language, but soon they began to write their spoken language in the Sumerian characters. They adopted many of the Sumerian religious customs, and made their earlier civilisation their own. It was these cultured Sumerians who wrote

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## THE DOME OF ST. PAUL'S.

## THE REPAIRS TO THE PIERS OF THE DOME OF ST. PAUL'S.

The repairs to the piers of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral are rapidly proceeding, despite the fact that only half the 470,000 needed for carrying out the work has been received. Canon Alexander, the treasurer of the cathedral, who is collecting the money for this fund, pointed out to a Press representative that no time could be lost in carrying out this work, as the subsiding of the piers might prove disastrous to the dome. When the cathedral was built iron wedges were inserted in the stones of the supporting piers, with the result that these wedges have rusted and split the surrounding stones, causing a subsidence. The west and south-west piers have already been repaired in the crypt while it is hoped to finish the work at the base of the south-east pier in the crypt by Easter. It is interesting to note that a good deal of the most critical work has been completed, this including the solidifying of the support of the dome. All the rusting ironwork is being removed, and cement grouting forced in behind the facing stones, by which means it is hoped to stop subsidence. Canon Alexander asks that all subscriptions should be sent to him at the cathedral.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from Dr. FRANK, to sell by Public Auction.

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**THURSDAY,**  
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THE  
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Comprising:—  
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On view from Wednesday the 29th inst.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 453

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(for account of the concerned),

### SATURDAY,

the 1st April, 1916, commencing  
at 10.45 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner  
of Ice House Street,—  
AN ASSORTMENT OF

**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**  
Comprising:—

Sideboard, Dinner Wagon, Dining  
Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas,  
Arm-chairs, etc., Wardrobes and Toilet  
Tables, Double and Single Brass and  
Brass-mounted Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous  
Furniture, several lots of Black-  
wood Ware, 2 Carpets, Pianos, a few  
lots of Pekinese Cloisonne, Porcelains,

Also:  
1 Roll Tennis Netting, New Hammond  
Typewriter.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)  
Terms:—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 460

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(for account of the concerned),

### THURSDAY,

the 6th April, 1916, commencing  
at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner  
of Ice House Street,—

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Comprising:—  
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Cutlery and E.P. Ware, Cubbins, Carpets  
and Rugs, Large Wardrobe with Bevelled  
Mirrors, Double Brass Bed, etc., etc., etc.

Also:  
18-inch Electric Fan, Copper Boiler and  
2 Mountain Chairs.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 475

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**SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
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TO THE  
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the  
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND  
VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended),  
every Domestic Building or part of  
such building within the WESTERN  
Division of the City of Victoria, occupied  
by more than one family,  
except those within the European Reservation  
or those parts of a Domestic Building  
used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be  
CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED  
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the  
months of February and March.  
N.B.—The word "throughout" used in  
this Notice means that the houses should be  
limewashed in respect of all the Walls of  
each Room, all Cubicles, Partitions, Stair  
Cases and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and  
the Undersides of Roofs in Main  
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters  
and inclusive of Verandahs.  
The Backyard must have its Containing  
Walls Limewashed up to the level of the  
First Floor.  
Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork  
in good condition, however used, need not be  
limewashed, but must be Cleaned.  
The WESTERN Division of the City  
lies to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly  
Street.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,  
Secretary.  
Dated the 24th day of March, 1916.  
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**HONGKONG CLUB.  
NOTICE.**

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF-  
YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY  
FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong  
Club (Issue No. 100,000) was held in  
the Club House on FRIDAY, the 24th  
March, 1916, when the following Deben-  
tures were drawn for Redemption:—

and will be payable at the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation on FRIDAY,  
the 31st March, 1916, in exchange  
for surrender of same.

By Order,  
**E. DES VOEUX,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1916. 469

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1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.

SUNDAYS.  
7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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## HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hon. Mr. DAVID LINDSAY presided  
at the annual meeting of the Hongkong  
Chamber of Commerce held in the Chamber  
Room, New Government Building,  
yesterday. The following firms were  
represented:—

Union Insurance Society of Canton  
(Mr. C. Montague Edie), Hon. Mr. H. F.  
Pollock, K.C., Reiss & Co. (Hon. Mr. P.  
H. Holyoake), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Jar-  
land, Matheson & Co. (Hon. Mr. David  
Lindsay), Gibb, Livingstone & Co. (Mr.  
J. W. C. Bonnar), W. R. Loxley & Co.  
(Mr. A. Beattie), Hongkong and Shan-  
ghai Bank (Mr. N. J. Stubb), H. Stephens  
& Co. (Mr. H. Stephens), Harry Wickham  
& Co. (Mr. J. Owen Hughes), Mr. M. S.  
Sawson, British-American Tobacco Co.  
Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Perry), Banque de  
l'Indo-Chine (Mr. L. Berinodoss),  
Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. (Mr. F.  
Graham), Bankers & Co. (Mr. A. Bignon),  
Myerfield Bank of India (Mr. C. C.  
Champlin), Donnelly & Whyte (Mr. D.  
E. Donnelly), A. & S. Hancock (Mr.  
Harry Hancock), W. Hannibal & Co.  
(Mr. W. A. Hannibal), Allen, Ross &  
Co. (Mr. A. S. J. Conneland), China  
Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. C. Pen-  
ner), Dodyell & Co. Ltd. (Mr. S. H.  
Dowdell), S. J. David & Co. (Mr. A.  
David), Hongkong Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Clarke),  
J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E.  
Pearce), Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. (Mr.  
W. H. Bell), Chartered Bank (Mr. F.  
Dickson), New Zealand Assurance Co.  
Ltd. (Mr. R. S. Anderson), Swedish  
Trading Co. Ltd. (Mr. G. Ludin),  
Holland-Indo Trading Co. Ltd. (Mr.  
A. W. van Kildel), Netherlands-Indo  
Commercial Bank, Robertson, Wilson &  
Co. (Mr. G. H. Wilson), Goddard &  
Douglas (Mr. J. T. Douglas), Standard  
Oil Co. of New York (Mr. J. W. Dolley),  
Hughes & Hough (Mr. T. F. Fought),  
China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. (Mr. G.  
W. Beuwick), David Sawson & Co. Ltd.  
(Hon. Mr. E. Shellin), Butterfield &  
Swire (Mr. G. T. Edkins), Union Trading  
Co. (Mr. A. W. Churn), Thos. Cook &  
Son (Mr. J. Beattie), D. Macdonald &  
Co. (Mr. D. Macdonald), Nestle-Angle  
& Swiss Condensed Milk Co. (Mr. A. G.  
Coppin), Casuarie Pellanji & Co. (Mr.  
R. B. Cooper), China Borneo Co. Ltd.  
(Mr. H. W. B. Kennett), Penntreath &  
Co. (Mr. G. A. Penntreath), Stewart Bros.  
(Mr. E. A. Stewart), Nippon Yusen  
Kaisha (Mr. T. Kusunoki), Bradley &  
Co. Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer), De  
Souza & Co. (Mr. E. V. M. R. de  
Souza), Gaudin, Price & Co. (Mr. C.  
Bond), Arcelli Ocean, Services, Ltd.  
(Mr. J. H. Wallace), P. & O. S. N. Co.  
(Mr. L. V. D. Parry), and the Secretary  
(Mr. E. A. M. Williams).

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption  
of the report and accounts, said:—

TRANSMISSION OF RUBBER.  
You will notice that we have been  
officially informed by the Consul-General  
for the Netherlands of the establishment  
of a rubber market in Batavia. This at  
first sight would appear not to be of much  
interest to Hongkong, but rubber which  
used to go to the London and Amsterdam  
markets and there be bought for America  
—the largest consumer of the article—  
is now bought for America in Batavia and  
is shipped via Hongkong to the Pacific  
Coast. Part of this cargo goes direct in  
Dutch steamers and part of it is trans-  
ported here. The other day a steamer  
left here with a 1,000 tons of trans-  
ported rubber, which will give you some  
idea of the magnitude of the trade.

LIMITS OF HONGKONG'S ECONOMIC  
REACH.

The reluctance shown by the Vancouver  
Board of Trade and the Canadian Govern-  
ment to deal with the libellous statements  
made by the British Columbia Sugar  
Refining Company with regard to the  
Hongkong Refineries is a matter for regret  
to your Committee. We cannot agree  
that such matters lie without the pro-  
vince of a Board of Trade or Chamber  
of Commerce, who are, or should be, the  
guardians of fair trade.

RIVER STEAMER COMPANIES AND THE  
LIGHT DUES.

It was brought to our notice during the  
year under review that the charge for  
light dues bore heavily upon the various  
river steamer companies running between  
here and ports in the Canton Delta, and  
we have since brought the matter to the  
notice of the Government. These com-  
panies are not among those who are  
reaping the harvest of high freights due  
to the scarcity of tonnage brought about  
by the war, and so in many cases they  
make but little use of the lights, some  
consideration is due to them. They are  
companies which the Harbour Regula-  
tions during war time affect more seri-  
ously than ocean-going steamers, and  
although Admiral Anstruther has endeav-  
oured to modify, where possible, the  
regulations which now interfere with the  
regularity of their services, in misty  
and wet weather they still suffer from  
much delay.

THE PREVENTION OF PIRACY.

The Piracy Prevention Ordinance while  
so far it has been successful in its main  
object, the prevention of piracy, leaves  
much to be desired in its working detail.  
The dual control of the armed guard on  
the steamers does not work satisfactorily  
and undoubtedly reduces the passenger  
traffic. All these restrictions cause those  
who are engaged in the management of  
steamers to long for the free harbour  
which Hongkong enjoyed not so many  
years ago and which helped so greatly to  
build up the trade of the Colony.

During the year the Government have  
commenced to take over the private

owned buoys with a view to obtaining a  
greater control over all mooring berths in  
the Harbour, a scheme to which our late  
Chairman was very much opposed. A  
re-organisation of the mooring in the  
harbour in order to accommodate a larger  
number of steamers in suitable positions  
was undoubtedly necessary, but whether  
the best results will be arrived at by  
Government control depends upon how  
that control is exercised. We are fortu-  
nate in having a very capable Harbour  
Master in Captain Beckwith to initiate  
the scheme, and I have little doubt that  
he will do his utmost in the interests of  
the port. This Government control of  
mooring is a new departure, however,  
and may, like the Light Dues, become  
a tempting source of revenue. I think  
it is well, therefore, as the outset to  
state that any increase in the charge for  
mooring will be opposed by this Chamber.  
Shipowners do not complain that the  
light dues in Hongkong are heavy; it is  
only when they are increased for other  
purposes than providing lights that ob-  
jections are raised. If shipping must be  
faced for any special object it would be  
preferable to impose port dues for that  
object and thus leave the light dues and  
mooring fees to show a correct com-  
parison between revenue and cost of up-  
keep. The growth in Government regula-  
tions affecting shipping in recent years  
makes the establishment of a Harbour  
Board with unofficial representation a  
matter for serious consideration.

COST OF CABLES.

Last year our late Chairman referred  
to the increased cost to all business of  
telegraphic communication, and a under-  
stand the telegraph companies took excep-  
tion to what was then said.

The increased cost is due to the re-  
stricted use of telegraph codes, and to  
most of us this means the doubling of  
our bills for telegrams. The telegraph  
companies claim that they have lost many  
of their constituents who have become  
enemies; on the other hand they must  
have gained enormously through the  
increase in official and Press telegrams,  
and it is a matter for regret that they  
have not seen their way to meet their  
regular business constituents by some  
form of other rebate. (Applause.)  
The delay in the delivery of messages has  
in some instances been complained of,  
but, on the whole, the Censor has dis-  
charged his difficult task expeditiously  
and with consideration for the business  
of the place.

INSURANCE LAW.

In the period under review an Act  
revising the Insurance Law and regulat-  
ing insurance business in the Philippine  
Islands was passed. One of the pro-  
visions of the Act requires companies to  
deposit with the officials in the islands  
securities to the value of P500,000.  
There is, of course, something to be said  
both for and against a measure of this  
description. It undoubtedly would be  
comely to see every company whose trans-  
actions are world-wide, should have to  
wrap up their funds in such a manner  
as to insure the object of the purifying  
of trade, by making it impossible for  
companies of inadequate financial re-  
sources to transact a business the essence  
of which is to offer financial security to  
investors.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

You will have noticed many references  
in the Press lately to trading with the  
enemy after the war, and this subject is  
engaging the attention of all Chambers  
of Commerce throughout the Empire. It  
is to be hoped that some means will be  
found of preventing Germans from regis-  
tering the position they formerly held with  
advantage be introduced into Hongkong.  
It is well known that many com-  
panies of native origin operate here whose  
figures are not available for public  
criticism.

What I mean by this is, we would like  
the Hongkong Government, with the  
authority of the Imperial Government, to  
say definitely whether a man is required  
in Hongkong or not. Upon this it would  
follow that members of the Hongkong  
Volunteer Corps would not be recruited  
in England unless transferred with authority.  
It cannot be denied that it is important  
to the country that the business of  
Hongkong should be carried on. It is  
conducted by men who have been specially  
trained for the work they undertake, and  
who cannot be replaced at short notice.  
What is required is that it should be clearly  
laid down that a man who attends to his  
business here and is a member of the  
Volunteer Corps is as efficiently as by going  
Home and joining the New Army. If men  
were required, and it is found after official  
enquiry that they can be spared, then they  
should be transferred to the New Army.  
It is organization that we are so much in  
need of, and the want of it is responsible  
for doubt, and uncertainty both among  
employers and employed.

The accounts require no particular refer-  
ence except that I may express the hope  
that the subscriptions of new members will  
be large, and that the Committee for their  
report and accounts.

SPEECH BY MR. OWEN HUGHES.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded the  
motion. He said he was expressing  
the wishes of members by thanking the  
Chairman and Committee for their ex-  
cellent work during the past year—a year

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## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE GREAT CONFERENCE.

GRAND STRATEGIC SCHEME ALREADY COMPLETE.

PARIS, Mar. 29.

Never in history have so many nations met in conference. Twenty-nine delegates met in the historic room at the Quai d'Orsay, which was the scene of the Peace Conference after the Spanish-American War, and where Cavour, in 1858, secured the admission of Italy as one of the Great Powers.

After M. Briand's opening address, the Conference divided into committees to discuss special questions, military and economic.

It is understood that the scheme of grand strategy was already completed at previous consultations of the staffs. The military business of the conference is to ratify their proposals.

It is not believed that the deliberations will extend beyond the middle of the week.

The economic business is confined to laying down the broad lines of a Trade Conference.

It is stated that Mr. Lloyd George will probably be unable to go to Rome. Lord Kitchener may accompany Mr. Asquith.

LATER.

The conference met again this morning, and unanimous public interest was manifested in the gathering.

London, Mar. 29.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law, speaking of the Economic Conference in Paris, said it could not be held for a long time. Mr. Asquith had asked him to attend with Mr. Runciman. He hoped they would be able to do so.

## GERMAN AIRPLANE RAID ON SALONIKA.

SALONIKA, March 29.

Six German aeroplanes dropped twenty bombs, killing twenty civilians, chiefly Greeks.

Two of the raiders were brought down when recrossing our lines.

## NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE RECENT BRITISH RAID.

COPENHAGEN, March 28.

Besides the two German patrol boats sunk in the recent British raid, two were badly damaged. A cora magazine was bombed and a large German seaplane destroyed.

When the British destroyers attacked the German patrol boats five German cruisers, twenty destroyers, five seaplanes and a Zeppelin went to their assistance from Heligoland, and in the afternoon Danish trawlers baited eleven German cruisers and other vessels, and farther west, met a British squadron of forty ships steering westwards in a snowstorm.

## PERSIAN PRINCE AMONG "SUSSEX" VICTIMS.

LONDON, March 29.

The Persian Prince Bahman, son of the Sultan of Zilleh, was on board the *Sussex* and is believed to have perished.

## S.S. "SKODSBORG" TORPEDOED WHILE AT ANCHOR.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 29.

Evidence given in the maritime court by the crew of the Danish steamer *Skodsborg* showed that she was torpedoed when anchored off Yarmouth on March 20, though her colours were perfectly visible at a distance of half a mile.

## ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, March 29.

The steamer *Manchester Engineer* has been sunk. The crew have been brought into Queenstown.

## ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON BOTH SIDES.

PARIS, March 28.

A communiqué says:—The night was calm east of the Meuse. There was considerable artillery activity on both sides in the region west of the Meuse, Malancourt, the Woëvre and in a sector at the foot of the heights of the Meuse.

By a *coup de main* in the Lorraine forest of Parroy, we killed or took prisoners the occupants of an enemy work which we had blown up.

## SIR EDWARD CARSON AND A NEW PARTY.

LONDON, March 29.

Sir Edward Carson has recovered and has returned to London. He presides over the Unionist War Committee to-day.

The "Morning Post" again appeals to form a National party.

The "Times" hopes he will bring the Unionist committee into line with the Liberal committee on a decision in favour of general compulsion.

## NO INCREASE OF TEA DUTY.

LONDON, March 29.

It is believed that an increase in the Tea Duty is most unlikely.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

MORE SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LARGE BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

LONDON, March 28.

The *Minneapolis* reported yesterday as having been sunk, was torpedoed. 163 of the crew have been brought to Malta.

The British steamer *Corne* and the French steamer *Lebe* have been sunk. The crew of the former and ten of the latter have been landed, and it is believed that the remainder have been picked up.

The Hull fish carrier *Albatross* has been sunk. Two of the crew have been picked up but it is feared that nine have been drowned.

## THE "SUSSEX" OUTRAGE.

LONDON, March 27.

Professor Baldwin and his wife (Americans) are safe. Their daughter is in hospital in Boulogne.

## THE "ENGLISHMAN."

LONDON, March 28.

An official announcement states that ten persons were drowned in the *Englishman*.

## SANGUINARY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

THIRTY HOURS' CONTEST FOR A TRENCH.

ROME, March 28.

A communiqué states:—A strong enemy attack captured a trench at Palpiccolo, but the Italians, fiercely counter-attacking on an extensive front from Monte Croce to Palgrande, captured a whole series of entrenchments, taking prisoners. The fight at Palpiccolo lasted for thirty hours and was a most sanguinary character. The Italians, after six attempts, re-entered the lost trench, bayoneting the defenders, and hundreds of enemy dead remained on the ground.

An enemy air squadron attacked the Italian communications. Three of the machines were felled, a Commander was killed, and five airmen were captured.

## AMERICA AND THE SUBMARINE OUTRAGES.

WASHINGTON, March 27.

The sinking of the *Sussex* and the *Englishman* has again raised the question of breaking off relations with Germany, if it is definitely confirmed that the vessels were torpedoed, but it is probable that President Wilson will first consult Congress, as a rupture will probably mean war. Officials regard the situation as very grave.

## LABOUR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND.

STRIKE FOR INCREASED WAGES.

LONDON, March 27.

There is a big strike of Dundee jute workers owing to the masters refusal of an increase of fifteen per cent. in wages.

LONDON, March 28.

The Lancashire operative cotton spinners have decided to ask for a ten per cent advance in wages.

## A BRITISH THRUST.

ENEMY FIRST AND SECOND LINE TRENCHES TAKEN.

LONDON, March 28.

A British communiqué states:—After exploding mines, the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers infantry this morning assaulted a German salient at St. Eloi successfully, taking the first and second line trenches on a front of 600 yards.

It is known that heavy casualties were caused to the enemy.

We took two officers and 168 men prisoners.

The artillery activity to-day has been mainly confined to the neighbourhood of Angres, Walverghem, St. Eloi and Wielijze. Last night and to-day there has been much mining activity. We successfully exploded a mine at La Boisselle. There has been fiercer fighting, in which we were successful, south of Neuville St. Vaast and near the Hohenzollern Redoubt. The enemy exploded mines opposite Hulluch last night, damaging our trenches and causing some casualties. We held the crater formed by the explosion.

## SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENT BY THE FRENCH.

PARIS, March 28.

A communiqué states:—West of the Meuse the bombardment has continued. It has been somewhat intense on our front at Methincourt, Morhommé and Guisieres, and also east of the Meuse region, at Vaux and Doncourt. There have been some artillery salvos in Woëvre. There has been no infantry action. We bombarded, at long range, the station at Heudicourt, and north-east of St. Mihiel a goods train was demolished. The Germans completely failed in a *coup de main* on our first line trenches in the environs of Maucourt. Our artillery continues active in Argonne, particularly in Cheppy Wood.

## GERMAN LOSSES AT YERDUN.

LONDON, March 28.

The terrible losses of the Germans at Verdun is shown by the fact that the greater part of more than twenty-seven Divisions which had hitherto been employed by the Germans had to be re-constituted. For instance, two thirds of the regiments of the Third Corps have been replaced, and the shortage in Companies has been made up by reinforcements, of which two fifths are of the 1916 class. Even then the Companies total only 120 instead of 200.

## DESPERATE FIGHTING ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, March 27.

A Berlin communiqué says:—The Russians have renewed specially violent attacks against Field-Marshal Hindenburg. They employed masses of men and ammunition to the north-west end of Jacobstadt to an extent hitherto unknown in the Eastern Theatre. The communiqué makes the usual statement about heavy Russian losses. The Russians are also attacking towards Vilna. The communiqué admits repeated attacks by the 3rd Russian Corps in the Lake Naroch region, where it says the West Prussians counter-attacked and re-took the ground lost on the 20th inst., capturing 2,000 Russians.

## RUSSIANS MEETING WITH OBSTINATE RESISTANCE.

PETROGRAD, March 28.

A communiqué states:—The fighting in the Jacobstadt region continues. German aviators are increasingly active along the whole front. They dropped twenty bombs at Diviak. After a desperate struggle we captured two lines of trenches north-west of Potavry. Our offensive between lakes Narotch and Visebskoye is encountering an obstinate resistance.

## BRITISH TRADE IN CHINA.

A correspondent who is familiar with China and was in Peking when he wrote on the *Manchester Guardian*, takes a gloomy view of British trading prospects in China unless the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade are induced to do more than they have hitherto done. He writes:—

"Already the shadow of the closing door falls on China already twenty years' studious neglect of trading facilities and Government trade services about to mark the end of our being able to hold the trade the Germans have lost. We stand a poor chance of being able to hold the trade we had before our Far Eastern policy played off a closed Government service against the latest and most cunning diplomats in the world, and soon the time must come when the Government will have to confess that the policy they have pursued has lost Britain the open door in China as surely as we have lost the open door in Manchuria and Korea. Weakness in dealing with an Oriental is fatal, and this, coupled with weakness and lack of appreciation as to the absolute necessity of holding our markets against the time when only our export trade can pay the tremendous war charges which have to be met, will do more to make this war a fatal one to us and our country than all the Hunnish hordes and Austro-Turk rabble which hold the European lines."

The correspondent specially mentions the formation of a great Danish-American organisation, which, he says, the American Legation and Attachés are introducing to the various provincial and federal officials, and which several Englishmen are assisting. This group, he says, make no secret of the fact that they are out to capture the trade which military necessity has made Britain drop for the time being. He asks the Lancashire millowner and the Lancashire mill-hand what will it benefit us if at the close of the war we find our best markets shut against us by a 30 per cent. tariff, while our taxes are increased 100 per cent. to pay the costs of the war. He hopes the British people will realise the position before it is too late.

## NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

## THE OUTLOOK.

Parliament is in session again and so all our shortcomings are being trotted out for our inspection by the Job's comforters of Westminster. It is indeed a good thing that the leading men of the Cabinet are imperious men, and can parry the criticisms with unflinching dignity, or the enemy might be unduly encouraged by the creakers.

At the same time I am not saying that it is not worth while to apply the critical glass to our administrators. What is needed is constructive criticism. If an archangel were at the head of the State these men would still be in the seat of the scorpion. They are a various crew, running all the way from Mr. Joynton Hicks to George Bernard Shaw, and I defy anyone to put his finger on a part of the country's work and say "Here Shaw did good." He is like a gambo who never does anything himself and spends his time throwing bricks at those who do.

Shaw's latest is a sweeping attack on the Prime Minister, to which Mr. Asquith has promptly replied with telling effect. What is disliked in Mr. Asquith in certain circles is his quiet, but firm will. They would much prefer a pliant individual, so that they could claim a share in the developments of the national policy, after their official slave had succumbed to the pressure of his ment ra. It is not difficult to conceive what chaos would reign in these uneasy times if the Prime Minister answered to that description.

As a matter of fact, men of both sides, including Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Walter Long, have sunk their political opinions and have testified publicly of late to their respect for the head of the Government. That, it seems to me, is a conclusive answer to the carping of smaller men and interested social cliques.

When that has been said, there remains the fact that there have been many shortcomings and many mistakes. These, however, can hardly be set down to this or that member of the Government, considering the enormous task in hand and the fact that the enemy has been preparing for forty years for the task that we have had to improvise for in a great measure as we went along. We are still short of guns and equipment, we need more to meet the highest echelons of what is required, but we are improving all the time, whereas the enemy has passed the crest of his maximum resources and is now on the down-grade.

As Lord Kitchener told the House of Lords, we have added to our army almost no less than eight divisions of the new army, and we are two times as strong in France than we were at the start, notwithstanding the fact that the Indians have been drawn elsewhere. Besides these forces, we have forces in training that are being constantly increased; there is no reason to fear anything but good results to us in Egypt or Palestine, especially since the Russians took Erzerum. They were ready for all comers, and they are not showing any great zeal in assuming the offensive. The real issue really lies on the West. There the conclusion will be fought.

What is the other side of the shield? It is not easy to sift the corn from the chaff, and the statements of neutral travellers are not always a good and sure guide. But putting these statements together and piecing by their side the German papers one gathers that the policy of the "big month" is being used by Berlin to offset the troubles that are afflicting the people. They boasted that we could not make the war affect the homes of the people. The fact is, our very lives have been made less secure in every German home, until the prayer of the people is for peace, and they are now, for the first time, getting a glimmering of the pit into which Prussian aggression has led them. When the German in his bureau fiction tells of some amazing "victory" over the British fleet—such as their description of the mine-sweeper *Arabis*, as a first class British cruiser—you may be quite sure that that is really the expression of the stomach-ache in the German Empire and that the German fleet is still in the Kiel Canal.

When will the war end? No living man can say what the answer to that is. But I may hazard the opinion that it will either collapse very suddenly, perhaps this year, or it will linger on for a very long time. A French officer in one of the papers is quoted as saying that "the first seven years of the war will be the worst." I think he was speaking cynically, and did not mean to have his words taken literally. His is a realisation that this generation has seen the highest reaches of gallantry, for elevation of soul in the great struggle. It is good to be fighting side by side with such an ally.

## FALL IN!

All the single men are now getting ready for examination, exemption or training. The result is a curious one in business. Everything is in a state of more or less flux. Conditions are changing every day and the heads of business establishments are hard put to it to retain an even keel. The latest war for women is seen in the appointment of girls by the London City and Midland Bank to "walk around" That is, they have been given the highly responsible task of collecting money from other banks and from City Houses against bills and cheques. This is work hitherto done only by the most sturdy and trusted male members of the staff, for such a clerk often carries thousands of pounds in a wallet, and has in consequence to have business ability and a quick brain. Sixty per cent of the staff of the bank in question having gone to the front, the deficiency had to be made up by girls. It is a situation that has somewhat startled the City, but in a way it serves as a tribute to the law-abiding nature of the population at this time. I doubt if the same course could safely be adopted in any other city of the same size in the world—shall we say New York?

AMERICAN POLITICS DOMINANT. This year will witness the most violent presidential campaign in the United States that this generation has seen. Consider, therefore, all that happens in relation to international affairs in that quarter, as actuated by politics until next November. Politics will colour everything, and very likely we shall see sign at Germany and England in terms of support for a particular candidate, and a struggle to regain some reputation for strength that the negotiations with Germany over the submarine question have woefully diminished.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES.

I am told by a man who is not given to eulogising people merely for their position that the Prince of Wales made a really notable appearance as chairman of the committee to deal with war funds. He made a speech, says my informant, that was admirably delivered, and it was a better speech than his grandfather could have made. That is high praise for a youth, because King Edward was a very good speaker, and sometimes made quite a big impression on foreign delegates to health and other conferences at which he appeared.

## HOW THE MONEY GOES.

Lots of people are having a hard time in these expensive and abnormal times. Others, less accustomed to the oreganus of cash, are rolling in money. A dweller in the East End, with several members of the family engaged on munitions, had a son in hospital at Gosport, wounded from the front. When word came to the little home in the East End by street, what did the family do? Did they wait for the train to Gosport? They did not; they took a taxi all the way and kept it for twenty-four hours down there, for their return journey! One man I hear of was earning a pound a week in a small country shop a few months ago. He had one and a half hour's tuition in munition making and is now earning just about four pounds a week. That is an average, not an exceptional, case.

## REAL TRISTEN.

Here is what I think I may call a pretty story, to offset any dark streaks that have entered the preceding part of this column. A waif-goddess of overseas wounded soldiers—mainly from the Antipodes—was passing along the Strand. Just past the Cecil Hotel there was a flower woman with her basket full of daisies. She stood at the corner, just where the narrowness of the street makes a bottle neck that causes slow progress for traffic in the rush hours. The "boys" boomed on by display. In a trice she was whipped out of a buttonhole and gave it to the lad sitting beside the driver. He showed such delight that the impulsive woman—she was Irish—handed out her jocular until every man had some. They all rose, as well as their wounds would let them, and gave her the heartiest cheer that the Strand has heard for a long time. Then they went off singing "Keep the home fires burning." She kissed her hand to them, with tears in her eyes. There were few flowers left in her basket, mostly snowdrops. A passer-by asked the price of them. That sent her searching her basket, and with a face full of regret she said to her customer, "Aint that a pity? I clean forgot to give the boys some snowdrops."

## SHIPING.

The correspondent of the "Birmingham Post," who is usually well informed, writes:—While Lord Carson of Kedleston's committee are taking steps to co-ordinate the movements of existing ships and thus to increase the working tonnage, proposals are being considered in other parts of the Empire for further increasing the number of ships that will be engaged in commerce after the war. One of the most interesting is that which will shortly be launched, under the auspices of the Government of British Columbia, to provide more ships for the trade of the Pacific Coast. The scheme includes the formation of a co-operative shipping company, and a start is to be made by building ten auxiliary schooners at a cost of about £23,000 each, fully equipped and rigged. These will be built in any port of British Columbia that will supply 25 per cent of the value of each ship, the remainder to be obtained by the Government. Dividends will be limited, and the Government interests safeguarded by the inspection and supervision of all accounts. In addition to the Government aid mentioned, it is proposed that a bonus per ton for at least three years should be granted by the Government to ensure the loading of the ships with British Columbia produce from its own ports.

## TAXES.

The prospect of more taxation is not one to make us feel any happier. Very few, however, quarrel with the tax on tickets for entertainment. Theatrical and artistic circles say that the public will have to pay for the price of the ticket will be raised to include any tax that is imposed. Managers are hard pressed financially and cannot afford to add a fresh burden to the present receipts. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that the rent of a modern theatre is a heavy tax in itself on any producer, and any play starts with that serious drain on the revenue. Therefore, if one amusements are to be taxed, we who go must pay the piper. A penny may save, but the rest of us will pay the extra amount cheerfully, even if we go, shade less often.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## YUAN SHIH KAI.

HIS AEDICATION DEMANDED.

SHANGHAI, March 28.

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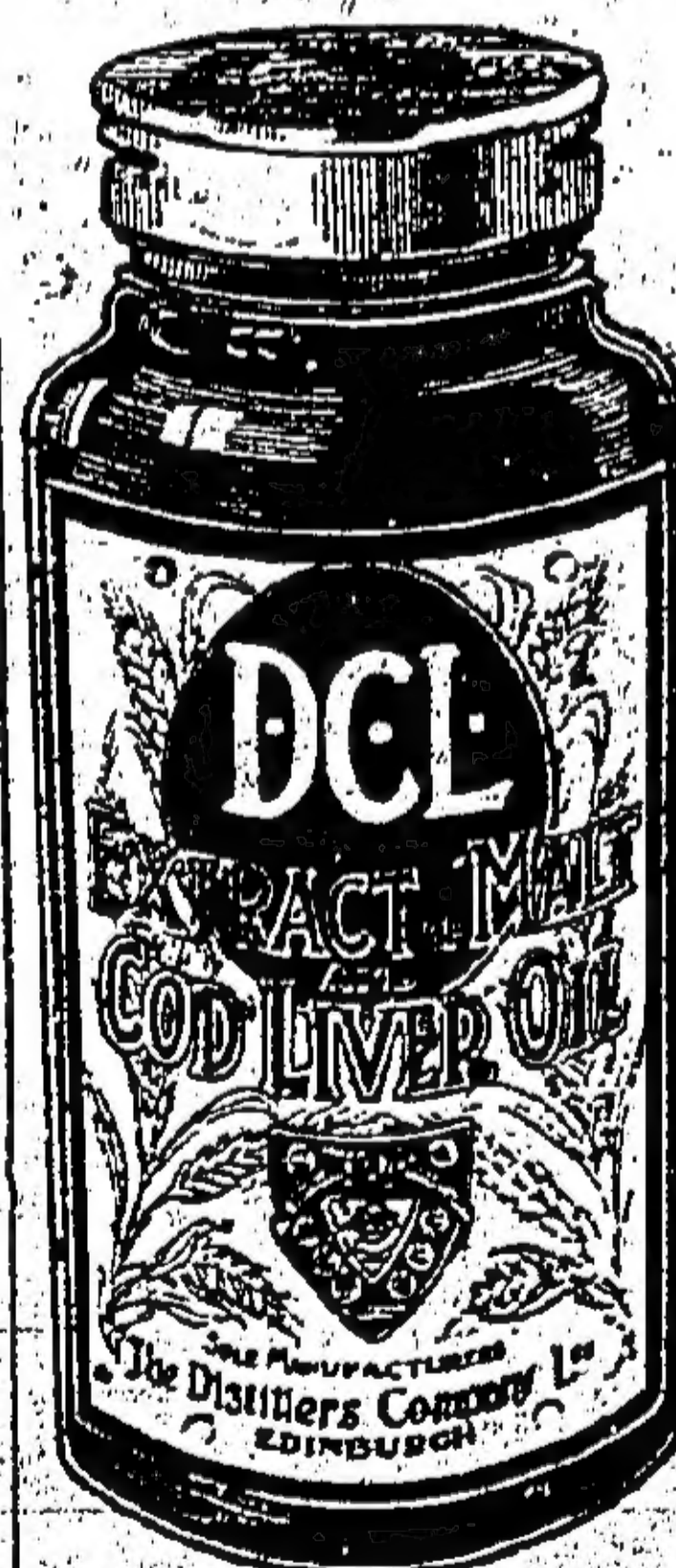
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SHANGHAI	WOSANG	FRIDAY, Mar. 31, Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOKSANG	FRIDAY, Mar. 31, at 3 p.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	SATURDAY, April 1, at 8 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, April 1, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHOTSANG	WEDDAY, April 5, Daylight.
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TENYO MARU	2,000-21 knots	Fri. 6th May at Noon.
SEIYO MARU	14,000-14 knots	Thurs. 11th May at Noon.
NIKKO MARU	11,000-15 knots	Tues. 18th May at 10.30 a.m.
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NAGAYA	7,000	April 21	MOOLTAN	10,000	May 23	May 29
NAMUR	7,000	May 5	KASHGAR	9,000	June 3	June 12
NANKIN	7,000	May 19	KASHGAR	9,000	June 19	June 26
NOVARA	7,000	June 2	MOREA	10,800	July 3	July 10
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GERMANY'S SPRING EFFORT.

REPORTED CONCENTRATION AGAINST RUSSIA.

Recent news from the Russian front deepens public interest in the "Spring" dispatch by the Petrograd correspondence of the "Morning Post," dated February 14th.

The excursions and maneuvers of the Germans on the Riga-Drinsk section of Russia's European front have been increasing in frequency and extent for the past fortnight. They fail to disturb the equilibrium of the Russians who deal with them as required with forces on the spot.

The season is already quite favorable for much more extensive movements than any yet attempted by the Germans and the general impression produced is that the enemy is either not in a position to make any real efforts in this region or is still engaged in preparatory work.

In this connection I cannot refrain from telling a story which evidently has a German origin and is only a rather exaggerated sample of the many which the Germans have diligently put about in this country and elsewhere to account for the putting out of their march of conquest eastwards.

It is reported seriously that behind their formidable defensive works on the line of the Dvina the Germans are preparing what the spring break-up arrives to perform a mighty engineering work that shall alter the whole face of Nature in their favor.

They propose to divert the course of the Dvina as an alternative to the impossible task of crossing it in face of Russian opposition. This marvelous story admirably accounts for everything, and raises the German military genius to the height of the historic ages of the mighty world conquerors of Asia.

This is the story of the Dvina, and is not the Dvina that holds up Hindenburg. For a couple of months or more the Dvina has been possible for Germany's heaviest artillery at any point in any quantity. Yet the latest activity of German scouts has been an attempt to break up the ice on the river apparently to prevent the Russians coming across. One by one the German cables evaporate leaving a residue which is plainly recognizable as sheer fiction.

PROMISE OF RUSSIA.

The Germans, it is said, have been drafting forces once more against the Russian front, where, evidently, their great spring effort is intended to be made.

The neutrality on participation of Rumania is still an open question, and to some extent this consideration fixes the Germans in a determination to exert every effort on the section between the Dniester and the Pruth.

It is said that the German Guards corps are advancing to this front. Certainly twelve-thousand are already at work there, and heavier artillery is being prepared for. The Russians, contrary to their pressure with unabated ardor, but their rate of advance has been retarded by the extreme efforts made by the enemy to dam the Russian tide which threatened to sweep all before it westwards.

Now that the Russians have made good a foothold on the plateau northeast of Czernowitz the fighting there has to some extent gone underground. We hear of very few details, but the explosion by the Russians of a cannon in a German camp is suggestive of the deadly nature of conflict now being waged in this region.

In spite of a good deal of this kind of fighting which has already taken place on the French front, the public has rather a vague conception of what it means. When the opposing trenches are so near together as to defy the respective artillery with the risk of injuring their own as much as the enemy's lines, and are so well manned that not a finger can be raised above the parapet, when, in fact, the slightest sound produces a shower of grenades from the other side, the only thing left to be burrow like a rabbit towards the enemy's lines. In suitable ground the Russians make their shelters forward of the trenches, that is, towards the enemy's side.

SHIPOWNERS' PROFITS.

MR. WALTER RUNCIMAN AND THE "TIMES."

The following letter by Sir Walter Runciman, head of the firm of Walter Runciman and Co., shipowners, was sent for publication in the "Times" but has not been published in that journal.

Copies were subsequently sent to other London papers and published.

February 7th, 1916.

To the Editor, the "Times."

Sir—You have more than once done us the honor of referring to our firm and our vessels in your special and leading articles, and as you continue to repeat misstatements we feel bound to ask you, in the interests of accuracy, to give equal prominence to this letter.

First: You say that we have been "exceedingly prosperous during the war."

We do not know on what ground you base this assertion, for as a matter of fact neither we nor our Moor Line did as well in 1914 as in 1915 and 1916, as the published accounts showed. You can hardly have quoted from the 1915 accounts, for they are not yet made up.

Second: You give a purely imaginary value of our Elmmoor, having no recognizable relation to the facts, past or present.

Third: You state the Elmmoor is chartered to the Italian Government at 80s. per ton, and will make £100,000 out of the charter.

You are ill informed as to the Elmmoor's employment. She was requisitioned some time ago by the Admiralty, and is on British (Government) service. She has never run for the Italian Government, and is under charter to them, so your statement about her making £100,000 out of the charter is purely an effort of imagination.

Such mistakes as these are unjustifiable, and in relation to Italy, which has no complaint to make against us, they are mischievous.

Permit us to ask you one question: You persist in taking our firm, for obvious reasons, for purposes of illustration, and you make mistakes, why don't you illustrate your views from the fleet of Sir John Ellerman, who is one of our proprietors, and, no doubt, more accessible to you than we are?

As our affairs appear to you to be of public interest, we may add that 85 per cent. of our fleet are under requisition by the Admiralty, all of course, at Blue-book rates—Yours truly,

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[Sir John Ellerman, after Lord Northcliffe and the Walter family, is the largest shareholder in the "Times".]

DISCOVERY OF AN IRON MINE.

Recently rich iron deposits have been discovered at Al-had hill in the Liang-shan, Shantung, and the Government has sent mining experts to the spot to make an investigation before taking any measures for the operation of the mine. According to the latest report, this mine contains some 200,000,000 tons of iron ore, the quality of which is superior to that of the only open-pit mine in Shantung. When properly operated it is said, this mine will be able to supply the Tachow Arsenal in Shantung with all the iron it needs.

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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, March 17th.

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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

Corpl. E. B. Reed is granted leave of absence from 24.10.16 for the duration of the war.

RESIGNATION.  
Sapper A. Lucas is permitted to resign, on medical grounds, dated 22.3.16.

PROMOTIONS.  
Corpl. G. H. Bowker, Scouts Co., to 2nd Corporal, dated 22.3.16.

Corpl. A. T. W. Jasson, Scouts Co., to 2nd Corporal, dated 22.3.16.

Corpl. G. S. Archibut, Scouts Co., to 2nd Corporal, dated 22.3.16.

Private H. R. Northey, Scouts Co., to 2nd Corporal, dated 22.3.16.

Parade for Thursday, 29th instant, 7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.—Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15—Morse flag and Morse lamp practice at Headquarters.

6.15 p.m.—No. 4 Section Scouts Co. (all members)—Machine Gun instruction at Headquarters. Rifles and shotguns to be carried.

5.15 p.m.—Members of all units (except Right Sec. M.G. Co.)—Squad drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under Sergt.-Major Highy.

MUSKETRY.  
Part II. (Standard Test), for any trained men or recruits who have not completed their course for the year ending 31.12.15, will be carried out at King's Park Range on Saturday, 1st April, at 2.30 p.m. Corpl. Grimes, R.E., will attend and No. 10 of units having men doing will assist him. Uniform (drill order) to be worn. One member of the Signalling Section will attend for telephone duty.

King's Park Range.  
This Range is allotted to the following units on the dates stated—  
Royal Engineers—5th April, 1916—1 to 2 p.m.  
Hongkong Police—30th Mar., 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 15th and 20th April—2 to 4 p.m.

DETAILS.  
On duty until 21st instant: H.N.V.  
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To-day's Advertisements

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The Steamship *Namang* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers, Hongkong, March 29, 1916.

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NOTICE.

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1914.

1—Authorized Capital £6,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000  
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500  
II—Fire Fund £3,237,047  
III—Life & Annuity Fund £1,567,530  
Sinking Fund Account £123,230  
£23,770,267

Revenue Fire Branch £2,331,456  
Life and Annuity Branch £2,141,593  
Revenue Marine Department £37,239  
Other Receipts £478,940  
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FOR months of May, June, July and August, 41 The Peak, adjoining Peak Club. Rent about \$170.

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FIRST CLASS SHOP in Chater Road; whole of part; lane at rear.

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A HOUSE in Kentford Terrace.

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OFFICES, 5 Duddell Street, now in occupation of Messrs. Radcliffe & Co.

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TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

FOUR ROOMED, furnished House from 1st May for six months No. 31 Mount Kellet. Very cheap to suitable tenant.

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NEWLY BUILT FLATS in Salford Terrace, Nathan Road, also similar flats in Jordan Road, Kowloon. Rents very moderate. Electric Light and Gas installed.

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OFFICES at 2 Connaught Road.

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NEW HOUSES in Broadwood Terrace, HOUSES at the Peak.

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